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THE SPEECH OF Sir CHARLES SIDLEY IN THE House of Commons.

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WE have provided for the Navy, we have provided for the Army, and now at the latter End of a Seſſions here is a new Reckoning brought us, we muſt provide likewiſe for the Civil Liſt: Truly, Mr. Speaker, it is a ſad Reflection that ſome Men ſhould wallow in Wealth and Places, whilſt others pay away in Taxes the fourth part of their Yearly Revenue for the Support of the ſame Government; we are not upon equal Terms for his Majeſties Service, the Courtiers and great Officers Charge as it were in Armour, they feel not the Taxes by Reaſon of their Places, while the Country Gentlemen are ſhot through and through with them.

The King is pleaſed to lay his Wants before us, and I am confident expects our Advice upon it: We ought therefore to tell him what Penſions are too great, what Places may be extinguiſh'd during this Time of War and Publick Calamities. His Majeſty is encompaſs'd with, and ſees nothing but, Plenty, great Tables, Coaches and ſix Horſes, and all things ſuitable; and therefore cannot imagine the Want and Miſery of the reſt of his Subjects: He's a Wiſe and Virtuous Prince, but he is but a Young King, encompaſſed and hemm'd in among a Company of Crafty old Courtiers, to ſay no more of them, with Places, ſome of three thouſand, ſome of ſix, and ſome of eleven thouſand: I am told the Commiſſioners of the Treaſury have three thouſand Pound a Year a Piece: Certainly ſuch Penſions, whatever they may have been formerly, are much too great in the preſent Want and Calamities that reigns every where elſe, and it is a general Scandal, That a Government, ſo ſick at Heart as ours, ſhould look ſo well in the Face. We muſt ſave the King Money where ever we can, for I am afraid our Work is too big for our Purſes, if things be not mannaged with all Thriſt imaginable. When the People of *England* ſee that all is ſaved that can be ſaved, that there are no exorbitant Penſions nor unneceſſary Sallaries, that all is applyed to the Uſe for which it was given, we ſhall give and they will cheerfully pay whatever his Majeſty can want to ſecure the Proteſtant Religion, to keep out the King of *France*, I, and King *James* too: Whom, by the way, I have not heard named this Seſſion, whether out of Fear, Reſpect or Diſcretion I cannot tell. I conclude, Mr. Speaker, Let us ſave the King what we can, and then let us proceed to give him what we are able.

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